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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Re: North American Numbering Council, CC Docket No.92-237


Dear Mr. Secretary:

On September 6, 1995, the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) nominated its Executive Director, William E. Stanton, for membership on the referenced Council. NENA expressed a willingness to represent not only its own interests in uniform methods of emergency calling but also the generally compatible interests of other consumer and public safety organizations.

The list of 48 nominees published at page 4 of *Communications Daily* of October 2, 1995 (attached), contains no other nominee that would appear suited to represent the broad area of public safety and emergency communications for which NENA has volunteered. When this singular fact is placed in the context of multiple nominations by parties of similar interests -- for example, the seven RBOCs, GTE, United and Cincinnati Bell; the several major long-distance carriers; the numerous commercial mobile service providers; together with the principal trade associations associated with each of these groupings -- it seems not only desirable but quite feasible to make room for NENA and the important public purposes it has offered to advance.

To the extent required by Section 1.1206 of the Rules, this letter is being supplied to your office in an original and one copy as an *ex parte* communication in an unrestricted proceeding.

Sincerely,

  
James R. Hobson  
Counsel for NENA

cc:James R. Keegan, Room 6010; Mike Specht, Room 6008 (2025 M Street N.W.)

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of highly desirable spectrum for satellites at 110°, Mayer said. Linda Brill, DirecTv dir. of communications, said: "Today's senate vote sends a clear and unambiguous message to the FCC that Advanced Communications' DBS frequencies at 110° should be auctioned. It's almost impossible to imagine the FCC developing a process which would yield more money to the U.S. Treasury than an auction."

Sens. Kerrey (D-Neb.) and Snowe (R-Me.) proposed amendment to restore \$19.2 million for information infrastructure grants (later revised to \$18.9 million) that otherwise would be eliminated in appropriations bill. Co-sponsors were Sens. Daschle (D-S.D.), Leahy (D-Vt.), Lieberman (D-Conn.), Jeffords (R-Vt.). In Sept. 28 letter to other senators, Kerrey said many innovative projects "would never get off the ground without the assistance provided by this program." Large coalition of groups wrote to Senate in support. Kerrey said program empowers local communities through use of technology, while Snowe said it's important to support them in joining information superhighway, adding that House included funds in its appropriations bill for grant program.

Sen. Gramm (R-Tex.), chmn. of Appropriations Commerce Subcommittee, opposed program because he said budget is based on eliminating Commerce Dept. and because program hasn't been authorized and isn't needed. He said it was "comical" to find that govt. could open up telecom markets with \$19 million in grants at same time private sector is spending billions.

## Industry Snapshot

### FCC GETS 48 NOMINATIONS FOR NUMBERING COUNCIL

Total of 48 organizations have filed nominations to be members of new N. American Numbering Council, offering snapshot of variety of players in telecoms now. Groups include usual LECs and long distance companies plus representatives of PCS, cellular, pay telephone, enhanced specialized mobile radio, competitive access providers, cable, equipment manufacturers, users.

Reasons for seeking membership vary. General Services Administration noted that it's "one of the largest users of telecommunications services in the nation." Teleport Communications Group said its role as competitive provider of switched local service brings "unique and important perspective to the council." Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions said it seeks membership "because of its history in addressing and resolving complex numbering and dialing issues via an industry consensus resolution process." American Public Communications Council said numbering changes affect independent pay phones differently from telco pay phones. MCI said it knows "first hand" importance of making number resources "available on an efficient, timely basis to service providers."

Industrywide council will pick independent administrator of N. American Numbering Plan, possibly organization not connected to industry, to run day-to-day operations such as number assignment.

Here's complete list of organizations that submitted nominations: Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, American Petroleum Institute, American Public Communications Council, American Mobile Satellite Corp., Ameritech, Assn. for Local Telecommunications Services, AT&T, Richard Charles Bartel, Bell Atlantic, BellSouth, Cincinnati Bell, Comptel, CTIA, Eastern Telelogic, Ericsson, Frontier, General Services Administration, GTE, Jubon Engineering, MCI, MCImetro, MFS Communications, Mobility Canada, NARUC, NASUCA, NCTA, National Emergency Number Assn., Nextel, National Telephone Cooperative Assn., Nynex, Omnipoint, OPASTCO, Pacific Bell, PCIA, PCS PrimeCo, SBC Communications, Scherer Communications, Sprint, Sprint Telecommunications Venture, Stentor Resources Centre, Telecommunications Industry Assn., Teleglobe Canada, Teleport Communications, Telezone, Unitel, US AirWaves, U S West, USTA.

## Aid for Trust Fund

### PUBLIC BROADCASTERS CALL DIGITAL TV PLAN 'WIN-WIN'

SAN ANTONIO -- Public broadcasters' proposal to auction digital TV spectrum in order to support their operations is win-win idea (CD Sept 29 p7), PBS Vp-Engineering & Computer Services Mark Richer said at Development Conference here. He said public broadcasters would have revenue source and would be able to break into digital markets first, so commercial broadcasters could learn from others' pioneering experiences, leading to what Richer described as years-faster rollout that would return analog spectrum to govt. faster than expected. Proposal isn't off wall, he said, declaring that organizations sponsoring it -- Assn. of America's PTV Stations (APTS), NPR, PBS and PRI -- already have received "favorable" indications from Congress and White House.